

# City of Boston

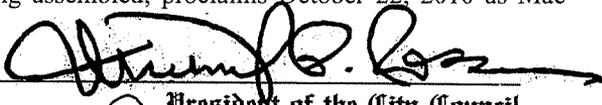
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## CITY COUNCIL

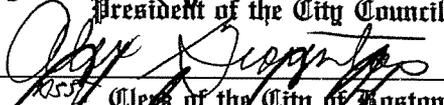
COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

### MAE ARNETTE: QUEEN OF JAZZ

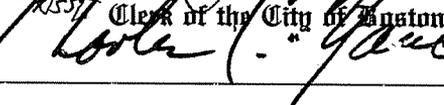
- WHEREAS: Mae Arnette's parents were in show business in New York City, where she was born. Her father was a drummer who managed Luckey's Rendezvous in the 1940's on St. Nicholas Avenue and 149th Street in Harlem. Her mother was a dancer who later became an ordained minister; and
- WHEREAS: Arnette grew up in New York City, where she sang in church choirs and Gospel groups; and
- WHEREAS: Arnette learned classical music at the High School for Music and Art, where she studied piano, dance, and trained as an opera singer; and
- WHEREAS: Arnette came to Boston in 1952 to perform as headliner in a show at the Sugar Hill club, where she was accompanied by the Sabby Lewis band; and
- WHEREAS: Arnette performed with many of the jazz masters throughout the 1950s and 1960s, including Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Teddy Wilson, Eubie Blake, Miles Davis, Red Garland, Coleman Hawkins, Dizzy Gillespie, Cannonball Adderley, Jon Hendricks, and many others; and
- WHEREAS: Arnette performed at such Boston area clubs as the Sugar Hill, the 1-2-3, the Tic Toc, Wally's, the Hi-Hat, Eddie's, the Shanty, the Celebrity Club, Louie's Lounge, the Professional and Business Men's Club, Lennie's-on-the-Turnpike, Lulu White's, and others; and
- WHEREAS: Arnette's television appearances included David Garroway's program, the Say Brother show, and an episode of Trapper John, M.D.; and
- WHEREAS: Arnette has served on the vocal faculty at the Community Service Department of the New England Conservatory of Music, as entertainment coordinator in Boston for the Mayor's Department of Cultural Affairs for the Summerthing program, and she is one of the original organizers of *Steppin' Out*, a fundraiser to benefit the Dimock Community Health Center in Roxbury; and
- WHEREAS: Arnette has performed at many Jazz festivals, including the Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island, the Stockholm Jazz Festival in Sweden, and the Boston Globe Jazz Festival in Boston, Massachusetts; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, commends Mae Arnette for her significant contributions to Boston's music scene; Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Mae Arnette for receiving the GBOS Image Award for Lifetime Achievement and 77 years of Excellence; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, proclaims October 22, 2010 as Mae Arnette day in the City of Boston.

By: 

President of the City Council

Attest: 

Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: October 27, 2010

